

### CLAIMS

1. A timing display device for use in games or sports, characterised in that the timing display device has a first end, a second end, and at least one intermediate location, the timing display device having a first indicating means which is arranged  
5 to move between the first end and the intermediate location, and a second indicating means which is arranged to move between the second end and the intermediate location, the first and second indicating means being arranged to move in unison towards the intermediate location such that the end of a predetermined time period is indicated by the meeting of the first and second indicating means at the intermediate  
10 location.
2. A timing display device for use in games or sports, characterised in that the timing display device has a first end, a second end, and at least one intermediate location, the timing display device having a first indicating means which is arranged to move between an intermediate location and the first end, and a second indicating  
15 means which is arranged to move between an intermediate location and the second end, the first and second indicating means being arranged to move in unison away from a central intermediate location such that the end of a predetermined time period is indicated by the first and second indicating means reaching the first and second ends respectively.
- 20 3. A timing display device as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that each indicating means comprises a plurality of lights arranged between a respective end and the intermediate location, wherein the lights are sequentially turned off from an outermost light to a light adjacent the intermediate location.

4. A timing display device as claimed in claim 2, characterised in that each indicating means comprises a plurality of lights arranged between a respective end and the intermediate location, wherein the lights are sequentially turned off from a light adjacent the intermediate location to an outermost light.
- 5 5. A timing display device as claimed in claim 3 or claim 4, characterised in that lights of two colours are provided, wherein the timing device can be used to show a first time period using lights of one colour and a second time period using lights of another colour.
6. A timing display device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first and second time  
10 periods may add together to form an overall time period.
7. A method of displaying a shot clock period in basketball, characterised in that the method includes the step of mounting a display device as claimed in any preceding claim onto a basketball backboard such that the intermediate location is vertically aligned with the centre of the backboard, and operating the timing device so  
15 as to show a time period of 24 seconds.